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3. 22 sheets of specification, 2 sheets of claims, 1 sheet of abstract;
4. Nine (9) sheets of drawings;
5. Information Disclosure Statement, form PTO-1449.
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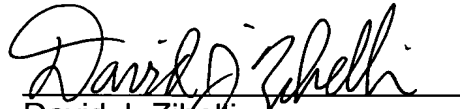
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